Food processing units at Salem

2101. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out any policy to establish a Food Processing Unit at Salem where there is lot of mango crop harvest during seasons; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and if so, by when it is likely to come through?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) While the Ministry does not set up any food processing unit directly, it extends financial assistance to State Government organisations cooperatives, voluntary organisations, etc., for setting/enlarging food processing facilities which can be availed for Salem district also. The Industrial Policy of 1991 has placed the most food processig industries including fruits and vegetable processing industries in high priority area, permitted automatic approval for foreign investments upto 51 per cent and technology agreements subjec to certain limits, provide fiscal reliefs and is encouraging establishment of food processing units including fruits and vegetable processing units. Salem district already has 10 fruits and vegetable processing units out of which 9 units are capable of processing mangoes. The Government has also approved setting up of one Export oriented fruits and vegetable processing units in Salem district.

गुजरात में कृषि पर आधारित उद्योगों का विकास

2102. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे: क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ग्रामीण युवाओं को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने के लिए गुजरात राज्य में कृषि पर आधारित उद्योगों को विकसित करने की सरकार की कोई योजन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और वे कहां-कहां हैं; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) से (ग) खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों के विकास के लिए इस मंत्रालय ने अनेक विकासात्मक योजना स्कीमें बनाई हैं और उन्हें चलाया जा रहा है । मंत्रालय किसी राज्य में स्वयं खाद्य प्रसंस्करण यूनिटों की स्थापना नहीं करता । लेकिन वह अपनी विभिन्न योजना स्कीमों के तहत राज्य सरकार के उपक्रमों, सहकारिताओं, संयुक्त क्षेत्र सहायता प्राप्त क्षेत्रों आदि को वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराता है ।

उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार उदारीकरण से लेकर जून, 1994 तक गुजरात राज्य में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की स्थापना के लिए 191 औद्योगिक उद्यमी ज्ञापन प्रस्तुत किए गए हैं जिनमें लगभग 946 करोड़ रुपए का पूंजीनिवेश और लगभग 31,136 लोगों को रोजगार देना निहित है । इनमें से 166 गैर शहरी क्षेत्रों में उक्त उद्योगों की स्थापना से संबंधित हैं और उनमें लगभग 1658 करोड़ रुपए का पूंजीनिवेश और लगभग 28,400 व्यक्तियों को रोजगार देना निहित है ।

Processing of pulses

2103. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether mills for processing of pulses have been set up in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether sufficient provisions have been made under the National Pulse Development Scheme?

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the efforts made by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A provisions of Rs. 69.00 lakhs has been made during the year 94-95 for supply of Dal Processors under the Centrally sponsored National Pulse Development Project. Out of this sum, an amount of Rs. 12.00 lakhs and Rs. 8.00 lakhs has been allocated to the States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, respectively.

Licence for Rice Mills

2104. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be please to state:

(a) whether licensing is mandatory for all categories of rice sellers/rice mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the categories of hullers included under the purview of licensing;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to exempt small hullers including polish machines set up in rural areas from the purview of licensing;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, he reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All categories of rice mills, including hullers are required to obtain a permit/licence under Rice Milling Industry (Regulation & Licensing) Act, 1958 and Rules, 1959 made thereunder.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The huller mills cause extensive damage to rice during milling/polishing and yield high percentage of brokens and poor quality of by-products, which are unfit for any economic use.

Agitation against fast food giants

2105 SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware that some N.G.Os. and social activits. like London Green peace, have launched a mighty movement against fast food giants like Mc Donald, in the U.K. and U.S.A. on the following grounds:

(i) exploiting consumers by charging very high prices;

(ii) doctoring children through deceptive advertisements and dodgy promotions;

(iii) destroying the environment with their packaging, waste and effects of beef ranching;

(iv) cruelty to animals;

(b) if so, whether it still intends to allow this and other fast food multinationals to start their operations in India;

(c) if so, what is the rational necessity thereof; and

(c) if so, what way our economy and society are to be benefited by such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government has approved the proposal of M/s. Mc. Donald's Corporation to establish a wholly owned